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REPARATIONS CRISIS.

FRANCE'S POUND OF FLESH

TROOPS MARCH ON RUHR.

PARIS, January 9.
The Reparations Commission has declared Germany's default in respect of coal deliveries by three votes to one.

PASSIONATE FEELING IN GERMANY.

LONDON, January 9.
A passionate feeling is sweeping over Germany in consequence of the threatened French measures in the Ruhr and elsewhere. Drastic counter-action is proposed.

A NON COOPERATION PROPOSAL.

BERLIN, January 9.
The Essen Chamber of Commerce carried a resolution declaring the enforcement of measures to relieve Germany of her obligations under the Peace Treaty as a *vis a vis* France.

The Stines organ *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* besides urging a similar attitude says German officials should refuse to work with the French and railways should refuse to transport French or the nationals of states supporting France. It recalls a similar order by General Gassmann in 1813 when the French invaded Germany.

COMMUNISTS IN CONFERENCE.

PARIS, January 9.
Le Matin and *Le Journal* report that French labour extremists including Marcel Cachin are now at Essen conferring with German and Russian communists on the situation which will arise from the occupation of the Ruhr. The Belgian and French authorities are taking steps to prevent Cachin from speechifying.

BRITISH DELEGATE'S ATTITUDE.

PARIS, January 9.
Sir John Bradbury was the minority vote. The German experts first spoke declaring that the German Government did not consider it indispensable to execute coal deliveries according to the exact percentage established in view of the suggestion of the Reparations Commission last March that any deficits in supplies of timber should be made up by cash payments. The Germans then withdrew.

Sir John Bradbury said he would not vote in favour of proclaiming the default for reasons of General Policy and because, he opined, in a problem of secondary importance like this a decision involving grave consequences should not be taken.

TROOPS POURING IN.

BERLIN, January 9.
Messages from German sources report considerable movements of French troops to the Ruhr. Thirty eight trains were signalled from Mainz and thither entered intermediate stations. The staffs of several French regiments have arrived at Duisburg where the troops are expected to-day. Heavy artillery and sappers are reported to have arrived from the neighbourhood of Neuss.

Messages from Mayence state that General Degoutte and his headquarters are moving to Dueseldorf tomorrow, whether a number of Belgian and Italian engineers have gone.

BRITISH TROOPS DOING POLICE DUTY.

COLOGNE, January 9.
French reinforcements have moved into the Dueseldorf area which has been a French occupied area since the abortive sanctions imposed in April, 1921. Schools, garages and public buildings have been requisitioned. The troops in the British zone are doing ordinary police duty, guarding against possible sabotage. The Germans are apprehensive that the French will occupy Frankfurt where a control post has been erected on the main station.

ESEN TO BE OCCUPIED TOMORROW.

AMSTERDAM, January 9.
A Berlin message says the newspapers state that the French with occupy Essen on Thursday morning. A Mayence telegram says that Moroccan troops are passing through and a portion of the troops at Wiesbaden are on the march. Troops occupy the railway stations in the territory held by the French.

FOREIGN OFFICE NOTIFIED.

LONDON, January 9.
With a desire to maintain a correct attitude, the French ambassador has acquainted the Foreign Office of the steps France intends to take to secure pledges.

GERMAN PRESIDENT'S MANIFESTO.

BERLIN, January 9.
In a manifesto to the population of the Ruhr, Herr Ebert enjoins them to be calm notwithstanding the force used against a defenceless nation. He says that the policy which violated treaties and trampled the rights of humanity now threatens the very basis of German economic life, representing the basis of the

THE DOLLAR.

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RENT STRIKE AT HOME.

TENANTS REFUSING TO PAY.

LONDON, January 9.
The failure of a number of Scottish houseowners to give their tenants formal notice to quit before increasing the rent under the War-time Rent Restrictions Act which is due to expire on June 23 has resulted in an extraordinary situation in Glasgow and the Clyde-side. The House of Lords in November decided that such increases were illegal. At least 20,000 householders in Glasgow, mostly of the working class, are now refusing to pay rent. The landlords consequently are not paying rates with the result that local government is disorganised. The landlords in Glasgow stand to lose one and a quarter millions if the decision is not altered. The movement is spreading to London where 40 working class tenants at Paddington are indulging in a rent strike. Even defenders of the tenants' rights oppose the movement and condemn the pronouncement of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald supporting the strikers.

STRUCK OFF THE LIST.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS.

PARIS, January 9.
The Quai D'Orsay has notified M. Maklakoff, the Krenskyite, that the Russian embassy has been removed from the diplomatic list but cordial relations between the Russian diplomats now in Paris and the Quai D'Orsay remain unchanged. The question of the ultimate ownership of the building has not yet been raised. M. Maklakoff and M. Giers, the Wrangelite Minister, continue in occupation.

ACROSS THE SAHARA.

MOTOR TRIP TO TIMBUCTOO.

PARIS, January 9.
Motor cars with caterpillar wheels successfully crossed the Sahara. They left Tugurt in Algeria on December 12 and traversed the 2,000 miles towards Timbuctoo which they reached on January 7. The last stage was accomplished in 27 hours without a stop.

LONDON EXCHANGES UNSETTLED.

UNEMPLOYED INCREASE BY 128,000.

LONDON, January 9.
The unemployed have increased by 128,000 since the middle of December and the exchanges are very unsettled. French francs closed at 69.30 and Belgium at 76.25. Lire closed at 93. German marks at 46.250 and sterling on New York at 4.65.

INDIAN DELEGATION FOR LAUSANNE.

PARIS, January 9.
A message from Angora states that an Indian delegation presided over by Vahian who is a colleague of Mr. Gandhi has arrived at Angora and will proceed to Lausanne.

LONDON BANKS PROFITS.

LONDON, January 9.
The London County and Westminster and Paris Bank announce a net profit for last year of £1,888,000 compared with £1,167,000 for the previous year.

OBITUARY.

MR. C. J. MATHEW K.C.

LONDON, January 9.
The death has occurred of Mr. Charles James Mathew K.C. C.B.E. M.P.

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Mrs. J. D. O'Connell and family beg to thank their friends for the floral tributes and expressions of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement.

MARRIAGE.

JOSEPH ABBEYSON.—On January 10th, 1923 at the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, W.C., Felix Alexander Joseph, Hongkong, to Gladys Enid, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Abbeyson, Willesden, London.—By cable.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 1923.

NEWS AND "NEWS"

Since the war the vicious circle has assumed many guises—some transparent, others deceptive. Politics, naturally, have fallen easy victim; hence the present European crisis. Living costs also soon became caught and prices soared with higher wages. These two, politics and living costs, had both, however, been partially in the grip of the vicious circle before the war. One that had largely escaped hitherto, and perhaps has since in consequence suffered the most, was that very important thing in modern life—news. Before the war, with the leading papers paying fancy prices for special services, foreign news was usually above suspicion. The outbreak of hostilities brought the press censor who merely acted on the happy principle that what the public didn't hear it didn't grieve about. Then came propaganda, the new weapon, which every belligerent forthwith adopted to weaken the morale of the enemy "home front." The only effective weapon against propaganda was stronger counter-propaganda. The vicious circle again. Consequently, when not wholly suppressed, news was clipped or coloured to give the

desired tone; when intended for enemy peoples it was often deliberately falsified. These methods every belligerent adopted some more than others. The Central Powers, for instance, not only guided the home population into the belief that speedy victory was certain—with some national temperaments this is essential in wartime—but also sought to give the same impression abroad. Britain replied with propaganda much more destructive, possibly because it had more truth, and the result was seen when German moral breakdown followed the military debacle. Among the Allies, however, Britain was the least secretive with its own people, though inevitably with officialdom riding the hobby, dashed with its wartime importance, there was much foolish suppression, circumlocution and mystery. More than once, though the Press Bureau erred in the opposite direction, notably when it made first news of the Jutland light read black defeat. With modern warfare what it has become—conflict, not merely between armies but between whole peoples—propaganda was perhaps inevitable; a distinct evil, maybe, but if the war was to be appreciably shortened, a sometimes necessary evil. But the war is now over, these four years. Surely the peace should have escaped this blight. It should have, certainly, but it has not; emphatically has not. The very peace conferences have been bedeviled of propaganda, their secrecy making partisan reports the more easy. Then there has been that senseless campaign of calumny against the Soviets; senseless because instead of effectively discrediting Russia, it has only led the inquiring, especially among the young generation, to give an exaggerated importance to this Bolshevism which could seemingly throw the authorities into panic and lead them to jail people almost for breathing the word "Soviet." Had the authorities told the naked truth about Bolshevism instead of encouraging silly, if sometimes plausible, propaganda, Bolshevism would have been revealed in its full sordid reality, not depicted with glamour,

fearsome perhaps, but interesting, intriguing. Since then, the world has seen a hundred examples of mischievous propaganda—for one, Russia's equally senseless and futile effort to discredit and ruin news in the British Empire—and propaganda has clearly taken root in the post-war system. While people still recognize the true nature of an evil and strive to eradicate that evil there is yet hope. The moment they accept the evil as inevitable then indeed is the outlook black. Extremely disconcerting is it therefore to find that the Empire Press Union, approaching the Postmaster-General for improved wireless services, gave as one of its strongest reasons the necessity of increasing propaganda work. What the world sorely needs to-day is emphatically not more propaganda but complete release from this dangerous trade. With interested persons, combines and governments ready to fan national passions and prejudices for their own ends, the world needs to-day, more than ever, news that is both honest and fearless. And the Empire Press Union, instead of seeking, as reported in yesterday's later cables, to make the vicious circle still more vicious, should be the first to attack methods which are breeding distrust and enmity among the nations.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Leonard Victor Lang has been authorised by Messrs. Arnold Bros. Ltd. to sign *per pro.*

A Chinese and one Portuguese case of diphtheria and a Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever were reported yesterday.

The forty-seventh regular annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China takes place to-morrow.

Mrs. Severn is to distribute the prizes at the Nelson School prize giving on January 13 at 11 a.m. The function is to take place at Queen's College.

Diploma milk is now on the Hongkong market and quotations for supplies can be got from the local agents, Davis Boag & Co., Ltd. 41, Des Voeux Road.

The wedding will take place shortly of Mr. David C. Miller, 84 Humphreys' Buildings, a member of the local Canadian Pacific staff, and Miss Eugenie Ginn, King Edward Hotel.

The degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred upon the Hon. Sir Paul Chater at the congregation on the conferring of degrees, which is to take place at the University of Hongkong on January 24.

The balance of the personal effects of the late Mr. E. A. Hewitt C.M.G. to be auctioned by Messrs. Hughes and Hough to-morrow morning at the Knowles godowns is comprised chiefly of Chinese and Japanese curios etc. etc.

There will be a Musical at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, January 18th, at 5.30 p.m. for members and their friends, at which Mr. Eric Rice, with the orchestra quartette and soloist will give the music written for the "Tempest." Tickets fifty cents each.

The lecture which was to have been given by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald to the Reading Circle at the Helena May Institute to-morrow, Thursday, January 11, has been postponed until Thursday, March 8. The reading of Galsworthy's "Justice" will be continued to-morrow.—Advt.

Amongst the passengers who left for home to-day by the P. and O. s.s. "Plaza" were: Lieut. Ibbett R.N., Commander Preston R.N., Mrs. R. J. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Johnston, Miss Minnie Rarvor, Miss Jane Comfort and Mr. Wilmington Barnes of the Warwick Company are travelling as far as Singapore.

Mr. V. V. Lemberger retired from the managing directorship of United Engineers Ltd. Singapore, on December 31. On December 28, at the offices of the company in Onnam Road, he was the recipient of a gift from members of the European staff in the form of a hand-some gold cigar case. The presentation was made by Mr. M. B. Mawson, chief engineer to the company, who, on behalf of the subscribers, expressed the best wishes to Mr. Lemberger.

TOM WRIGHT'S COLUMN.

WRITE THE OLD BLIGHTER.

My postal address is Box 2355, Hongkong. Now who dare say that I let any mourning creditors in Hongkong! Although I live part way up a mountain, and have to walk down a country lane and then ride a street car for half an hour, I prefer to rent a box as it gives me an incentive to go to town and mix with my fellow men. Otherwise I believe I would stay among the chickens for weeks on end. Men are so stupid and chickens so wise.

O YOU MOTORISTS.

I walked up the mountain gorge among the wild bananas and guavas, crossed a swamp, made a trail where none seemed to have been before, and came down to a road that led back home. No less than three automobiles stopped and offered me a lift, in the kindest kind of way, and I had to thank them and explain that I was "hiking for health."

This never happened to me on your side. Not once. It made me feel more tolerant of motorists. In the city here a motorist passes a standing street car. They stop dead. Sometimes there are as many as six waiting till the tram starts again. The traffic is splendidly managed. You should send your traffic man over here for hints. There is really no need for so many fatal "accidents."

A LOGICAL POINT.

In my reading lately I met a point of logic that seems as if it should have been obvious to everybody long ago, but it has not been so. The argument from design in nature assumes that the natural order is an effect when that is the very point to be proved. If nature were disorderly, would you infer the existence of a

DISORDERER?

The Paleyite seems to assume that the natural order of nature, without an orderer, would be chaos. Why? We have no experience of chaos. Chaos was, like heaven, to the imagination. The order, the essential order, of the solar system, must have come from some pre-existing order, if we assume that the solar system is not eternal. It is impossible to conceive that nature is not eternal, and its order with it for there is no possible fact in our reach to be related to the facts of order that we have. I have been much comforted by this reflection. I already had the conclusion, of course, but not the logical process in such clear form.

CHINESE AND BOLSHIEVISM.

The local papers have lately published a scare-mongering message from Washington (unofficial) to the effect that the Chinese in China are infected with Bolshevism. In the interest of a sounder public opinion I have ventured to push back that. I told them that if Bolshevism means communal ownership and treatment of property the Chinese would be its most strenuous opponents. In China as in the U.S.A., the poor man appreciates his chance to rise. Communism would be uncongenial to the genius and habits of the race. As part of their premises seemed to be the story of Sun Yat-sen's attempted treaty with Russia, I explained that Sun is certainly not a Communist. He is, I wrote, a Patriotic Opportunist, like Lloyd George. I do not know what the local Chinese thought of this, as I have met none of my Chinese friends since it appeared; but I learn that the reference to Lloyd George has grievously offended some of my British friends here. I am at a loss to guess why. The phrase as applied to Lloyd George is a compliment, surely. I am prepared to withdraw the word "patriotic" to placate them. I perceive that the measure of ignorance is par passu that of intolerance, and that what one may say matters less than what the fools think one meant to say or was likely to mean. On each terms expression of opinion is impossible, with safety.

"I SHOULD WORRY."

Before I say that this is a characteristic bit of American slang, daily on the lips, I would like to warn you against the hypnotic suggestion of the word slang. You are accustomed at the sound of it to think of something reprehensible, and your mind will start off along that line like a sprinter at crack of pistol unless you take care. Try thinking first of the diversity of "forms" of our language. Verse, blank and rhymed prose, rhyme and terse, the epigram, the aphorism, the metaphor, the formal and the idiomatic. Think, even, at the mental effort of slang as belonging to one of these forms. Ennoble your mind from conventional prejudice, and premise that it may be as I say. Ready? Thanks. Now we're off.

Give me the really popular slang of a nation, and I will render you in return a fair approximation of the psychology of that people, and even of its moods.

To me this phrase betrays the fact that the Americans as a whole have more scorn than pity for the "snacker."

the glibly simple, the victim of cunning. A passion for equity does not override their respect for common sense, for worldly shrewdness. There was an ancient Greek tribe that anticipated this attitude of theirs. "I should worry" is an epigrammatic way of saying, "Since that does not in any way affect my interests, no reasonable person can expect me to deplore it. It is for the person affected to do the deploping." You will observe that this makes compassion take a back seat, and classifies altruism (which nevertheless they are capable of and often practice) as a secondary virtue, a pis aller of social conduct.

With us the humorous remark, "I have troubles of my own," and the common adage "Charity begins at home," betray the like sentiment.

Omitting a great deal of intermediate argument that I would use if I were writing a leading article or essay, I submit to you the thought that among all peoples compassion pertains to the full fed. Generous sympathy with the downtrodden is a by-product of the process of being well-off. Altruism needs a surplus. It is useless to ask bread from the hungry. This despite the familiar saying that it is the poor who are kindest to the poor. Poverty is relative, and it is very extreme poverty that has no surplus.

I am not overlooking the French peasant who, being told that the peasant lacked bread, wondered why they did not eat cake. This story may have been a humorous invention, even a heartless joke. One cannot believe any educated person could be so stupid or so utterly devoid of imagination. I did not say that every full-fed person is impelled to compassionate feeling. I suggested that every actively compassionate person is probably full-fed. The most truly compassionate one would be one that, having experienced the pang, enjoys success thereof without forgetting.

Finally, I present none of these thoughts as convictions, but merely as stimuli for your own thinking out of the matter. I do however insist that devotion to materialistic success and what is called "progress" (as British as it is American) is a real hindrance to the development of compassion and altruism in the human character. To make a fetish of "trade expansion" or of "imperialistic aggrandizement" is a handicap in the advance of true religion.

For the sake of clarity I hark back to one remark. "It is useless to ask bread from the hungry." Is it necessary to stress the futility of begging from the greedy? Is it necessary to remind you that habit is a second nature. Habit rules our lives. Undue experience of hunger (using the word hunger in a general sense) tends to give birth to greed and the law of habit to establish it and make it permanent in the character. Perhaps I should say that undue refusal of reasonable and natural desires propagates FEAR which in turn procreates the habit of greed. Then those safely escaped from the struggle forget the pain of it and the imagination which would atrophied. That must be the explanation of the hard saying that the rich cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, not because they are rich but because they have forgotten what it was like to be poor. I should say that any millionaire who remembers, and lets the memory influence his use of his millions, has as good a chance of entering that kingdom as anyone. Certainly he should have a better chance than the man who is still absorbed in the purely self-satisfying "strife."

The vice of the miser may be merely an abnormal form of poverty. Callousness toward the under-dog is a characteristic of the dog still snapping and snarling on at the defensive. If it be true that there was once an ice age, and that there will yet be another, selfish pursuits are well oiled weapons. All endeavour might be so regarded, save only the endeavour toward pity and compassion, which, in the coming ice age, we shall need more than ever.

If I could afford it I would bring all the Eskimo away from their dreadful climate and establish them in this kindly one. They would all die, of course, as a result of my altruism. Here you see what a curse the sense of humour is. It has spoiled an excellent sermon, which might have done you Hongkong strikers a great deal of good.

Done in the chicken-yard, this Sunday morning, chiefly because our fowls have been invading the neighbour's vegetable patch and have been poisoning them to protect his property.

Straight at It.

There is no use of our "basting around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. In no way reason so far as we can see why you should not try it. This preparation by its remarkable cure has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

AT REVOLVER POINT.

CAPTAIN AND COOLIES.

A prim-tal-of-the-sea came to land with the arrival of the R.M.S. ship steamer "Makambo" in Sydney last month.

Two days out from the island port trouble broke out among the 150 Chinese coolies who were en route from Apia to Hongkong after their service as indentured labourers on the plantations back of Apia.

Towards evening while ploughing steadily through a placid sea the watch were startled by a sudden altercation that came from between decks.

Going forward to investigate an officer discovered a struggling group of Chinese surrounding a huddled heap rolled up in a heavy blanket. It was being subjected to a rain of blows. Now and again a slight movement came from the heap. He called to them to stand back, but the white man's command was ignored. Fiercer and heavier fell the blows.

The captain was hastily summoned. Automatic in hand, he descended into the gloom. The yellow faces jabbered at him and assumed threatening attitude. Then the dim light from the electric bulbs glinted along the barrel of the weapon, and before its menace, the gesticulating, heaving mob fell back.

Moving forward the white men turned the huddled form over and pulled back the blanket. Underneath was a Chinaman unconscious and badly bruised. A little later and he would have been beaten to death.

The motive no one seems to know. The ways of the Chinese are strange. As it was the "Makambo" arrived in Sydney with one Chinaman short.

The log has it he fell overboard. But there are others who say that he was pushed by those Chinese who did arrive.

MUI TSAI BEATEN.

EMPLOYER FINED \$50.

Det. Inspector Grant appeared for the prosecution this morning in a cruelty to *mui tsai* case, heard before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Mr. M. K. Lo, appearing to defend a Chinese woman, Ma Lum see, told the Magistrate that the defendant was not present in Court as she was suffering from hysteria, brought on by worrying over the case. The Government doctor who examined the girl had said that she was in a well-purified condition and no signs of persistent cruelty were noticed. Even the girl in her statements to the Police and S. J. A. had said that she was only beaten twice within the last six months and he (Mr. Lo.) maintained that there was ample provocation for the chastisement. If the Police were not pressing the case and would be satisfied with a fine, a plea of "Guilty" would be entered.

Inspector Grant corroborated Mr. Lo's statement as to there being no sign of continued cruelty, but contended the beating complained of was too severe. The punishment administered was more than necessary, but he thought a substantial fine would meet the case.

The Magistrate fined the defendant \$50.

FRAWLEY COMPANY.

OPENING HERE ON JANUARY 19.

The Frawley Company, who are at present engaged upon a three weeks season at Manila, are due to arrive in Hongkong by the "Empire" of Russia in time to open at the City Hall on Friday night, January 19, with "Enter Madame," a diverting comedy in which prominent roles are taken both by Mr. Daniel Frawley himself and Miss Adelaide Blood.

"The First Year" will be staged at a matinee on the Saturday afternoon and Saturday night's piece will be "The Cat and the Canary," the great mystery play, in which the principal role will be sustained by Miss Blood. "Smilin' Through" a comedy-drama, will be the play for Monday and the last show of all, on the Tuesday, will be "The Gold Diggers," a story of a Broadway chorus girl.

There are fifteen artists in the Company and they will leave for Singapore aboard the "Sardinia" on January 24. The Frawley Company began its remarkably successful tour in Honolulu last September and since then has played in Japan, Shanghai and Manila.

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NAVAL V SITORS.

JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON.

ARRIVAL THIS MORNING.

The Japanese Training Squadron comprising the I.I.J. M.S. "Idzumo," "Iwate" and "Asama" arrived in port soon after 8 o'clock this morning. They fired the usual salutes at 8.30 and later in the morning the "Idzumo" the flagship of Vice Admiral N. Taniguchi, the Commander of the Squadron exchanged salutes with the British Commander-in-Chief and H. R. H. Prince, Almondo Roberto, Duke of Spoleto, who is on board the Italian submarine "Sebastiano Caboto" which arrived in port yesterday.

Admiral Taniguchi landed soon after 11 o'clock to pay his official call on H.E. the Governor, and this was the signal for further salutes.

The programme of entertainment arranged for the visitors began to-day with athletic meeting at Soekampoo Valley at 2 p.m. and to-morrow night, the Japanese admiral and his officers will be the guests of the Governor at dinner. To-morrow afternoon the Japanese blue jackets will be entertained at tiffin at the City Hall and will afterwards proceed by special train to Happy Valley to witness the football matches.

About 190 cadets of the visiting ships were entertained at tiffin at the City Hall at 12.30 to-day. It was a very happy gathering. Afterwards they attended a cinema show at the World Theatre.

WHO THEY ARE.

AND WHERE THEY'VE BEEN.

The squadron left Japan on June 26 last, on a world tour, which was undertaken for the purpose of giving a sea training to some 400 embryo officers. Passing through the Panama Canal, a stop was made at Colon and visits were made to Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Buenos Aires, and Monte Video. Leaving America the squadron proceeded to South Africa, calling at Capetown and Durban and then made their way East via the Suez.

There are altogether 2,474 officers, men and cadets on board of the three cruisers. The naval cadets, for whose benefit the ships left Japan, number approximately 400, while the officers number about 125. On board of one of the ships are two Japanese professors and two representatives of well-known Japanese newspapers.

The "Idzumo," the flagship of the squadron, is the sister-ship of the "Iwate." She is of 9,780 tons displacement, and 400 feet in length. She was built at Ritswick a year completed about 21 years ago. Her armament consists of four 8-in. and fourteen 6-in. guns, twelve 12 pounders, eight 21-pounders, and possesses four submerged torpedo tubes. Her speed is 22 knots. The "Asama" is a smaller light cruiser.

It is interesting to note that the "Idzumo" was the flagship of a fleet of 20 destroyers which were on patrol work in the Mediterranean during the great war. With Malta as their base, they did useful work in conveying transports. One of the destroyers was badly damaged by a submarine whilst conveying a British transport from Salonika to Tarnania. The torpedo struck the forepart of the destroyer, but did not sink her, and the submarine was quickly sent to the bottom.

Vice Admiral Taniguchi who is in command of the squadron has hoisted his flag on the "Idzumo." During the time of the Russo Japanese war Admiral Taniguchi was Secretary to a Naval Mission. He was the President of the Personnel Bureau of the Navy Department in Japan. The "Idzumo" also took part in the Russo Japanese war. She was the flagship of Admiral Hamamura who led the second squadron in the Sea of Japan against the Vladivostok Fleet.

At Rio de Janeiro they were present on the occasion of the celebration of the anniversary of the Independence of Brazil. There were also vessels representing the navies of England, America, Argentine, Uruguay, etc. The celebration took place on September 7 and Admiral Taniguchi represented the Japanese Government. They were also present at the election of a President for the Argentine Republic on October 17.

It may be stated that the squadron has a very efficient band under the conductorship of Mr. Y. Sawabata, of the "Idzumo." It was most popular in South Africa and at Rio de Janeiro. At the latter place, on the occasion of the centenary of the declaration of the Independence of Brazil, it supplied the music. It is one of the best bands in Japan and it is to be hoped that Hongkong will have an opportunity of hearing it.

MOTOR SMASH INQUIRY.

SOLICITORS ADDRESS JURY.

Addressing the Jury this afternoon in connection with the Coroner's enquiry into circumstances attending the death of Lieut. Comdr. Hooper of H.M.S. "Hawkins" who was killed in the motor car accident at Causeway Bay on New Year's night, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, who appeared for the Crown said that his duty was only to ensure that all the available evidence was placed before His Worship and the Jury. He submitted that he had done that, and therefore his duty ceased. He need not address the Jury and would leave any direction to the Coroner.

Mr. Denys, who appeared for the Admiralty, said that he entered Mr. Hazlerigg's remarks that all available evidence had been offered at the enquiry. But he would try to help the Jury to decide what was the cause of this tragic happening. The duties of the Jury were firstly to find what was the primary cause of the death of Lieut. Comdr. Hooper. If they decided that he was killed through being thrown out of a motor car, then they would have to find out what was the primary cause of the accident. On this second point, it was plain from the evidence, he suggested, that in motor car No. 118, in which the deceased's party was overtaken by car No. 46 at a curve, which according to the evidence of Inspector Garrod and Sgt. Alexander was a very dangerous one. After the Jury had considered this point it was their duty to fix the culpability for the accident and decide whether it rested on one or both of the drivers of the cars. He would suggest that the driver of the passing car did not use the proper signal before passing. According to the rules of the road, the horn had to be sounded three times, and then the overtaking car must not pass until it was signalled by the driver of the car in front.

The driver of car No. 46 had said in evidence that he was given the signal to pass. His words were "I saw hands appear on both sides of the car in front." Mr. Denys asked how could this man see a hand stretched out on the right of the car when his car was a left-drive one. He also submitted that even assuming that the man's word was accepted, certainly, no licensed driver who had passed his test would accept such a signal which was not the regulation signal.

Mr. Denys then quoted Archbold which said that "If the drivers of two vehicles engaged in a race and an accident resulted, then both are guilty of manslaughter." He proceeded to say that if the Jury found that this was the case in this instance, then they would find accordingly. Another point which he reminded the Jury they must consider in connection with this inquiry was the question of the speed.

Mr. Nash for the owners of motor car No. 118 was addressing the Court as this edition went to press.

MUI TSAI BILL.

DISCUSSED BY KAIFONGS.

A meeting of Kaifongs commenced this afternoon at 2.40 p.m. at the Tung Wah Hospital in the main hall, to discuss the new Mui Tsai Bill.

The hall was crowded, over two hundred Kaifongs avail themselves of the Hospital Committee's invitation. Among the prominent gentlemen present were the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou sun the Hon. Mr. Ng Hon teze, Messrs. Chau Siu-lee, M. K. Lo, T. N. Chau Simon Tze yao, Li Yik-mui, Wong Ping-sun and many others. There was also a fair sprinkling of Christian Chinese ladies in the meeting.

Immediately after the proceedings commenced a Kaifong got up and questioned the chairman regarding the procedure to be adopted for the meeting. Another Kaifong suggested that the meeting should appoint its own Chairman.

To this the Chairman replied that this was only a meeting for discussion and the expression of opinions; so anybody who wished to could speak. As regards the Chairman'ship, it had invariably been the Hospital's practice to appoint its own chairman for meetings.

The Rev. Li Kow-yun, pastor of St. Stephen's Chinese Church rose to address the meeting as we went to press.

The death occurred at Rangoon on December 10, following an operation for appendicitis, of Mr. Bernard Boidley Scott, Superintendent Engineer, Delta Circle P.W.D. He is a son of Doctor Thomas Boidley Scott, the well known writer.

TRIP TO MEXICO.

"NEW CHINA'S" COMPRADE SUE.

An interesting claim for wages due was heard by the Paines Judge, (Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz) at the Summary Court this morning. The plaintiff was Cheng Yuen, formerly employed as pantry boy on board the s.s. "New China." He claimed from the defendant, Chan Bing, who was also employed on the same ship, the sum of \$309 representing 10 1/2 months' wages due, at \$22 per month.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. R.E.A. Webster appeared for the defendant.

In outlining the plaintiff's case, Mr. d'Almada said that this was a case which would bring to light a new episode in the history of that famous ship the "New China," which was seized and sold in South America to pay debts incurred by its owners, the Spain and China Steam Navigation Company, which was organized in Hongkong, but was no longer on the local register. The Chinese members of the crew were engaged locally, including the plaintiff. No articles were signed in the case of the plaintiff, because he was engaged for the compradore department and the compradore was solely responsible for his wages. It was his case, Mr. d'Almada said, that the plaintiff was engaged by the defendant who was the compradore or chief clerk of the ship. Plaintiff therefore naturally looked to the defendant for payment of his wages, and had in fact from time to time during the voyage received payments from him.

Opening the case for the defence, Mr. Webster said that his client denied engaging plaintiff, and he also denied being the compradore of the ship. Continuing, Mr. Webster said that the defendant was an Australian Chinese, and left Australia when he was 16. Although he could speak Chinese, he could not read or write the language. The Spain and China Steam Navigation Company was organized by a Spaniard named Mendezona, and a Chinese known as Wong Pick-chuen or B. C. Wong. Defendant was engaged merely as chief clerk of the ship by Mr. Leung Kam-kong alias Victor M. Leung, who was Mr. B. C. Wong's representative on the ship and made the trip to Mexico on it. Travelling on the ship also was Mr. Mendezona, one of the directors of the Company, and anyone would think that if there was any one responsible for the debts of the ship, it was Mendezona. However, he (Mendezona) left the ship at Salina Cruz and was not seen again. Then the captain of the ship died and the first mate was made Captain. Soon afterwards there was apparently a quarrel between the owners of the vessel, and Mendezona made trouble and had the ship arrested for debt.

Evidence was then called and the case was still proceeding when this edition went to press.

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Inspector Ponting, of the F.M.S. Police, is retiring from the force and proceeds to Australia shortly. Inspector Maule leaves for home, on furlough.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

The following have been selected to play for Hongkong Cricket Club against Craigengower Cricket Club in a friendly match on the Craigengower Cricket Club's ground on Saturday, 19th inst., at 2.15 p.m. A bus will leave the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion at 1.45 p.m.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), L. J. Davies, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, E. G. Lambert, A. A. Claxton, F. H. Farthing, A. H. Wild, D. E. G. Nicholson, J. D. Humphreys and L. D. McNicol.

H.K.C.C. 2ND v. TAIKOO.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI versus Taikoo on the Club ground on Saturday the 13th inst. at 2 p.m.—D. Reid, E. W. Alderson, J. R. Way W. Fraser, H. Remington, E. Grimble, C. Blair, J. W. McPhail, F. C. Miller, H. H. Day and H. E. Hollands.

Despite the alarming rumour that found currency in Bangkok on the 18th December and occasioned universal regret, the Bangkok Times says authoritatively that Prince Mahidol is neither dying nor even in any danger of his life. Telegrams are being received from Paris from His Royal Highness as well as from Prince Chaozon.

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TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY 26th January 1923 at 11.45 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1922.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY 17th January to FRIDAY 26th January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MOUBRAY S. NORTHCOTE Secretary to the General Managers. Hongkong, January 9, 1923

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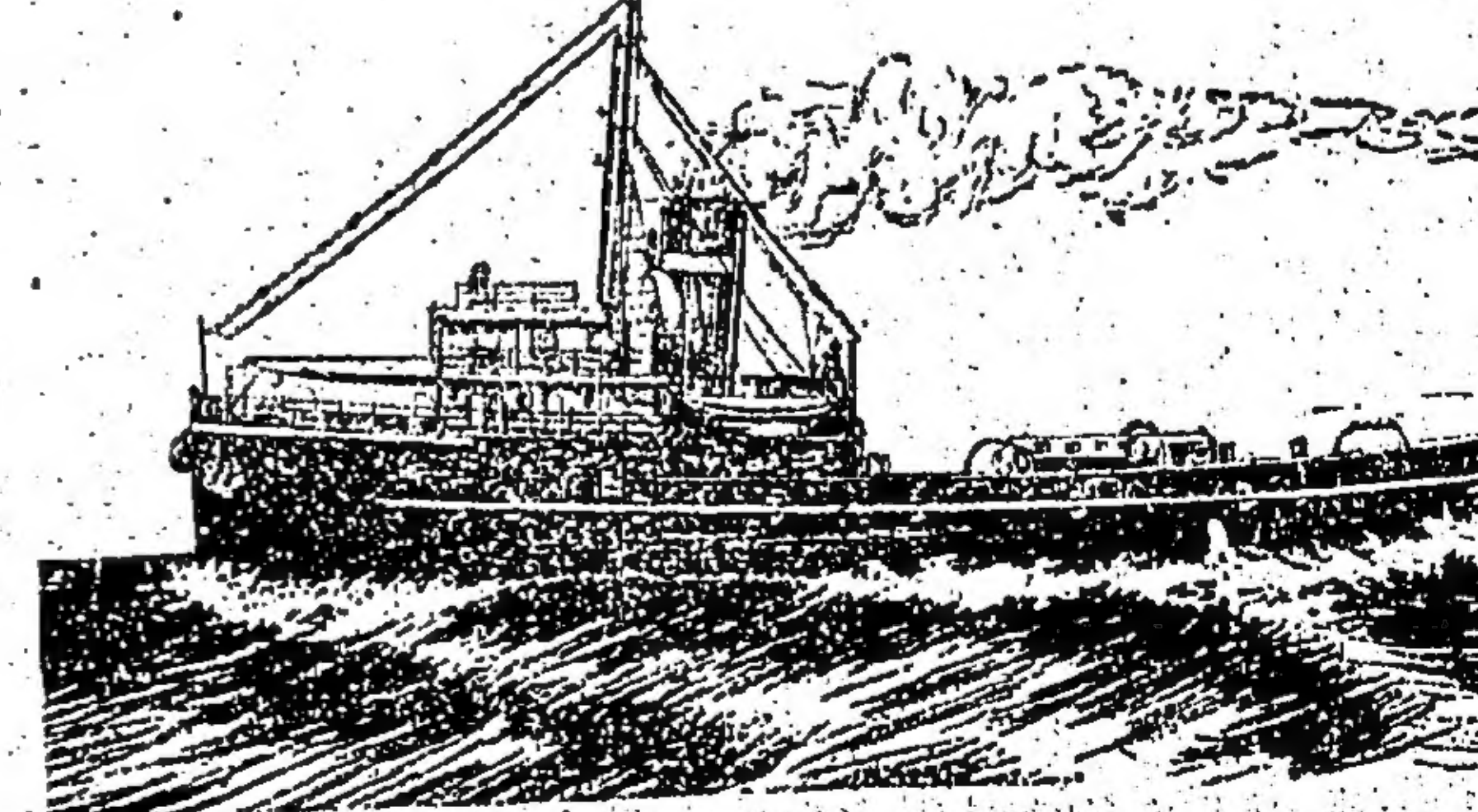
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "Gothic Prince" is expected to arrive from New York and Yokohama on Jan. 11.

The s.s. "Pallua" (Mogul Line) from Glasgow and Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 6 and is expected here on Jan. 16. (Doddwell & Co. Ltd., Agents).

The Lloyd Triestino Line's "Fiume" which sailed from Trieste on Nov. 22 left Singapore on Jan. 6 and is expected here on Jan. 13. (Doddwell & Co. Ltd., Agents).

The P. & O. s.s. "Soudan" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 5 at 6 a.m. and is due here on Jan. 11 at about 8 a.m.

The B. E. "Ningchow" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 6 and is due here on Jan. 11.

The B. E. "Touros" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 7 and is due here on Jan. 12.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Yokohama Maru" (Nippon Yusen Kaisha) for Hongkong via Singapore on Dec. 28 and is expected here on Jan. 14.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 3 at 6:30, left Yokohama on Jan. 9 at 4 a.m. and is due at Hongkong on Jan. 19 at 10 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "President Cleveland" left San Francisco for the Orient with a full complement of passengers and cargo on Dec. 23. She is due at this port on Jan. 14 and is to sail for Manila on Jan. 15. She returns from Manila to Hongkong being due here on Jan. 21 and will sail for San Francisco via the usual ports on Jan. 28.

The B. E. s.s. "Rhena" left Liverpool on Dec. 23 for Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on January 25.

The Motor-Ship "Tenerife" left Singapore for Saigon on Jan. 9 and is due to arrive at Hongkong about Jan. 18.

The B. E. s.s. "Rhesus" left Suez Jan. 6 and is due at this port on Jan. 26.

The B. E. s.s. "Peleus" left Liverpool on Dec. 16 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on Jan. 26.

The B. E. s.s. "Helenus" left Liverpool on Dec. 31 for Suez, Singapore, Manila, Hongkong, and is expected to arrive here on or about Feb. 4.

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LOVER'S TRAGIC LETTER.

"SEE WAS MY LIFE."

A letter marked "Please forward to the corner at the inquest on Edith and I" was read at the Guildhall Police Court when Vivaldis Joseph Kenneth Parsons, 23, of Leyton E., was charged with attempting to murder Edith Mabel Noble, 19, a typist, of Leytonstone, E., by cutting her throat with a razor at Broad-street Station on October 30.

Mr. Charles Wallace, prosecuting, said Parsons and Miss Noble had been in love or keeping company with one another for the past two years. The girl's father seemed to have objected to the attachment, and this had apparently preyed on Parsons's mind.

Mr. Wallace read the letter which Parsons had left for the coroner. This said:

It is only right that you should know why it is I have decided to end everything, for these feelings which a man has deep down in the corner of his heart, these emotions which start up the pain and renew the tragedy of one's existence, should not be made known.

Two years ago I had the sweetest little girl a man could wish to have. God gave her to me. I feel convinced of that. For two long years I loved her, and now at last it is ended. The reason is this: three years ago I was given two months. Since then I have gone straight as a die, but there were those who, in the most foolish feelings of their heart, sought to end my happiness, and so they hounded me down, called me ex-convict.

The little girl, with the goodness of her heart, loved me the more and complimented me on making good; but her father heard of it, and has taken her away from me.

They will condemn me as a murderer, but there are those times in a man's life when the sorrows surge in an overwhelming avalanche round him, and he looks for someone to understand and find them out. . . . She came to me in my darkest hour, and now as the sunshine was breaking through, just as spring was upon me, they scattered it all. . . . She was my life, my very motive of life, and now she has gone my life seems one long night.

There was a similar letter addressed to Parsons's mother, but Mr. Wallace said he would not read this.

Miss Gladys Maud Noble said her mother objected to Parsons's attentions to Edith and she always met her sister in London and travelled home with her. Her mother was apprehensive because Edith had stayed out late with Parsons.

The case was adjourned.

MOSQUITO FACTS.

FOUND 150 FEET BELOW GROUND.

Dr. Andrew Balfour, lecturing at the Royal Sanitary Institute, in a reference to the mosquito, said in the tropics and sub-tropics the mosquito was the greatest foe, and it should be their duty and pleasure to silence its shrill note of triumph.

In India they had statistics of the number of persons killed by snakes and wild animals, but the total would shrink to nothing as compared to those killed by wild insects, among which the mosquito was *facile princeps*.

The sanitary inspector could become acquainted with the winged terror in all phases of its wonderful career within a few miles of that institute.

Some years ago the employees in a London "Tube" were being badly bitten and developing septic wounds (for which they claimed damages) 150 feet below the ground level. A full investigation was made, and the mosquitoes emerged to the amazement of the passengers on the platform.

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT.

(By Dale Collins in the Daily Mail.)

In my country, Australia, if you have money the banks want it. That misled me here.

I walked into the bank just as though I had a right to do so. "I want to open an account," said I and laid my money on the counter.

The clerk, surprised and suspicious, shot me a glance which gave me to understand he knew I was up to no good.

"An account?" he said darkly. I put both hands on the counter that he might see I was unarmed and tried to reassure him. He considered me for a while in silence.

"You may be able to see the manager," he mused. He called a man and despatched him into the interior with a warning. Meanwhile he kept his eye on me.

After a lapse of time indicated by the asterisks the man returned. "The manager will see you," said the clerk.

"Will you wait a moment?" It was difficult to convey a fitting appreciation of this kindness, but clearly no effort was needed.

Time passed again here, and then stood in the presence of a Mighty Man in a business suit. I had been told the manager was the real thing. He was puzzled—on guard.

"I understand you want to open an account?" he said, with the veneer of interrogation reserved for the caller with the request for a deposit.

I humbled now, I told him it was so. I made a clean breast of it.

"But who recommended you to come to us?" Clearly he could have understood me wishing to go to any bank.

There might have been reason for that. But to his bank—ominous, preposterous!

I told him—with a foolish smile—that I'd liked the look of the bank, that its Grand-Surbiton face had charmed me. I tried to make him understand that I thought he had a nice little bank.

But he stroked his chin. "Of course," he said, "you can give us references—another client?"

I urged my traveller's cheque upon him as the best of references for a banker; pleaded that I was not seeking an overdraft; tried to touch his heart by references to the loneliness of a great city.

He waved my money away at beside the point, but my later eloquence crept into the strong room of his heart. He set his jaw in the manner of one who makes a resolve and is prepared to face the consequences.

"Yes," he said, "we will accommodate you!"

Overwhelmed by his kindness I gave him my money and went forth humbly. But since then I have been wondering a little.

DODGING PUSSYFOOT.

LIQUID COMFORT IN OPERA GLASSES.

The "Pussyfoot" department of one old Sheffield electro plate and silver firm is working full time to satisfy the in-lent demand for opera glasses, cigar cases, and similar articles, for the United States.

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The call for opera glasses does not signify a great stage revival in America, but merely the working of the "Prohibition" regulations. The innocent-looking opera glasses are a fake as opera glasses. If one eyepiece is screwed off a neat little flask, capable of holding a comfortable amount of liquor, is revealed, hence the urgent export orders.

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FOOTBALL.

THE INTERPORT MATCH.

MEETING OF ASSOCIATION.

Mr. R. J. Wilton presided over a well attended meeting of the Hongkong Football Association at the Victoria Barracks last evening. He was supported by Lieut. Comdr. Douglas Hamilton and Lieut. Thornton, R.G.A., Vice-President.

THE INTERPORT.

Mr. F. T. James, Hon. Secretary, read a letter from Mr. P. H. Holyoak, in which the latter expressed his inability, on account of ill-health, to accept the invitation of the Association to be a member on the Reception Committee in connection with the forthcoming Interport fixture with Shanghai.

With regard to the forthcoming Interport, the meeting decided to make a flag for the occasion, and the design, consisting of two horizontal blue and one white stripe with the initials of the Association in the centre, was approved by the meeting. The Chairman very kindly undertook to have the flag made at his own expense.

The next subject to be discussed was the question of badges. It was suggested that a cap with a blazer or badge in it and a gold medal be presented to each of the winners and runners up. Lt. Thornhill seconded the Chairman's proposal and it was unanimously adopted.

The programme and the gate-money at the Interport trials were the other subjects discussed. From these sources the Association hopes to obtain enough funds to defray the costs of the function. It was stated that additional accommodation would be provided for the big crowd expected to turn up at the Interport match.

A naval man asked if it was intended that the Services be included in the selection for the Interport to which the Hon. Secretary replied that no names had yet been submitted to him.

As possible Services players in the future. He was not aware that the Services were excluded from participation if they had the right men.

The wish of the Shanghai players was that the local team should be made as representative of the Colony as possible. In these matters they were largely guided by the wishes of the Shanghai players.

It was arranged to play at least three trial games before the Chinese New Year as the team from the Northern Port is expected to arrive on Friday, February 15.

The first of the trials in which the Services will be participating, is to take place this Saturday.

The Hongkong Club have kindly consented to loan their ground and stand for the Interport games and also for the trial games. Should the Shanghai team stay in the Colony long enough it has been decided to play a representative match; a match versus the services and probably a match versus South China.

The opposing teams for Saturday's trial matches will be the same as was already announced.

SHIELD COMPETITIONS.

Eleven teams entered for the Shield Competition this season, against fifteen last, while for the Junior Competition which makes its debut this season ten teams have entered.

It was decided to play the first round on Saturday 20th inst. The draw resulted as follows:

SENIOR.

Durban v. Titania; Tamar v. Hawkins; Club v. Kowloon; and the following byes:

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JUNIOR.

Ambrose v. Titania; Hawkins v. United A.O.C.; Byes—South China, Kowloon, King's, St. Joseph's, R.G.A. and Marazion.

The claim for points against the Police for not turning out in a League match on Saturday, December 23rd, put forward by the Tamar was upheld and the Police F.O. was fined \$5.

The question was raised about the irregularity of cancelling League matches, but the meeting upheld the decision of the Secretary where the circumstances warranted the cancellation, the Clubs concerned being so informed.

It was brought to the notice of the meeting that the Hongkong Club had played Angus in a League match without the written consent of the Police F.O. and the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Club on this matter.

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LOCAL MUSIC.

MR. HARRY ORE'S SECOND RECITAL.

Mr. Harry Ore has changed the venue of his recitals to the Cathedral Hall, away from the noise of traffic, and this seems all to the good. Last night's recital, the second of the series, attracted a fair number to listen to a programme of wise and wide choice, carried off with the mastery and musicianship associated with Mr. Ore's name. The compositions from a group of French composers, were in particular most pleasing. After the heaviness and dignity of Bach's Chaconne in D Minor, a transcription by the famous F. Buron, the lightness of the French pieces was in marked contrast. Here was that hope and despair of most amateur pianists Chaminade's "Les Sylphides" played exquisitely to the last little grace note; Debussy's joyous "The Snow, is Dancing," and Saint-Saens' "Bourée for left hand alone." This was a piece of ambidextrous playing of more than passing moment. The melody was brought out in sustained clarity with a studied technique that excited envy. Two pieces by Rameau and Ravel completed this part of the programme. Novelty, if such it can be called, was forthcoming in the shape of two pieces for two pianos, played by Mr. Ore and Mr. Eric Rice. The Schubert Andante seemed a mere set of piano pieces and hardly worth the time spent on them, but Arseny Polonsky was splendid and of good things.

Both excellent, were perfect and played together with good taste. List's Concerto concluded the programme. A piece meant to be played with orchestra, it has its beauties and these Mr. Ore brought to the full.

Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smyth, the orchestral accompanist, played the piano and showed true second hand when it was to be held.

The next recital is to be held on March 8, when items by and quartets are promised.

POLO.

THE ROYAL CUP.

ARMY BEATS NAVY.

At Canaway Bay yesterday afternoon, the first matches in the competition for the R.O.Y.L.I. Cup were played off the Army scoring an easy victory over the Navy by a big margin of 8 goals to 2.

The Army team was a well balanced one, and combining nicely, they several times succeeded in outwitting Capt. Neville, the Navy's experienced and sound back, by clever tactics.

The Army opened the game strongly in the first chukka and going right down the field scored within the first minute of play. General Fowler was responsible for the goal with a fine shot.

The second chukka was more evenly contested, and there was no score. The Navy missed some good opportunities on account of faulty shooting.

Lieut. Moore got through for the Army with a nice shot in the third chukka and later on Captain Neville made a bold bid which, however, proved fruitless. Lieut. Davies (2) and Captain Fisher added three more goals to the Army total in the fourth chukka, and in the fifth Captain D'Arby replied with a goal on behalf of the Navy. Capt. Fisher scored again for the Navy and in the last chukka both he and General Fowler were responsible for goals, Captain Neville contributing the Navy's second.

Result: Army, 8 goals; Navy, 2. The Army will meet a civilian team in the final next Saturday.

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LEW CODY IN "OCCASIONALLY YOURS."

Lew Cody, the gay young Lochinvar of the screen, plays the part of a bachelor artist, who is devoted to his art almost as much as he is devoted to his amours in "Occasionally Yours," the Louis J. Gasnier production, released by Robertson-Cole as a super-special, which will open at the World Theatre for a run of four days, beginning to day.

In this picture, Mr. Cody is given an opportunity to present another of his inimitable characterizations of the type which won him fame in "The Beloved Cheater." Although possessing all the charm of "The Beloved Cheater," "Occasionally Yours" carries a more vital and dramatic theme and shows the star in a gay and light-some mood.

B. Tipton Strick, one of the foremost scenario writers of the film world prepared the continuity for Mr. Cody's latest vehicle from an original story by Elmer Post. The direction is by James W. Horne, one of the best known directors.

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Mr. Cody takes the part of a young man, a dilettante artist who lives alone except for his dog and his valet in his apartment studio in a picturesque corner of New York. His peculiar ability for getting into amorous entanglements furnish a good deal of humor and pathos of the story.

A cast of unusual strength supports Mr. Cody. Notably the beautiful Betty Blythe, Elmer Fair, G. Tyrone Astor, Cleo Ridgely, Young Gaidel, the famous model and daughter of the sculptor; Barney Sherry, Lloyd Hamilton and last but not least a charming, intelligent bull pup and a playful mouse.

"VERY DANGEROUS"

WHAT CORONER SAW.

As the result of the Coroner, Mr. J. R. Wood visiting the scene of the accident in which Lieut. Commander Hooper met his death, an Indian named Karlar Singh, driver of Mr. A. H. Carroll's car, appeared in Court before Mr. P. E. Lindsay yesterday in answer to a summons for driving in a furious and negligent manner and passing a motor truck on the wrong side.

Inspector Garrod was travelling with Mr. Wood at the time and the Coroner's remark to him was "very dangerous." The Traffic Inspector in stating the facts said that the motor-truck was going at 14 to 15 miles per hour. The defendant, driving Car No. 287 came up at the back of the truck outside Murray Barracks, passed on the left hand side and got in front of the truck when the back part of the car swerved and missed an electric standard by inches. The speed of the car was not less than 23 miles per hour. That he was in a hurry to pick up his mistress was the defendant's only excuse, the Inspector said, "but he might have smashed his master's car."

The defendant, who possessed a clean record, was fined \$5 for passing a vehicle on the wrong side and \$30 for furious driving.

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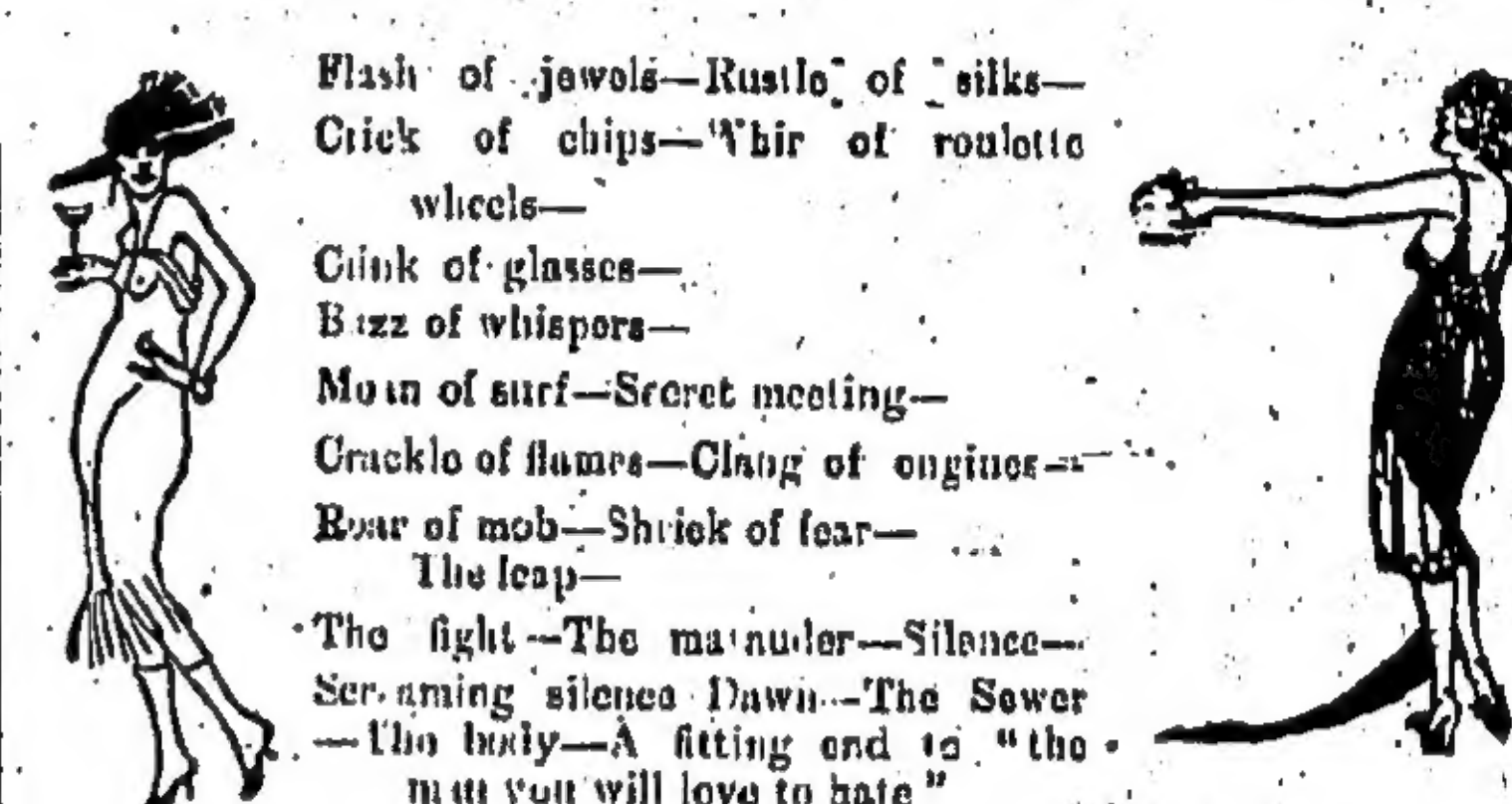
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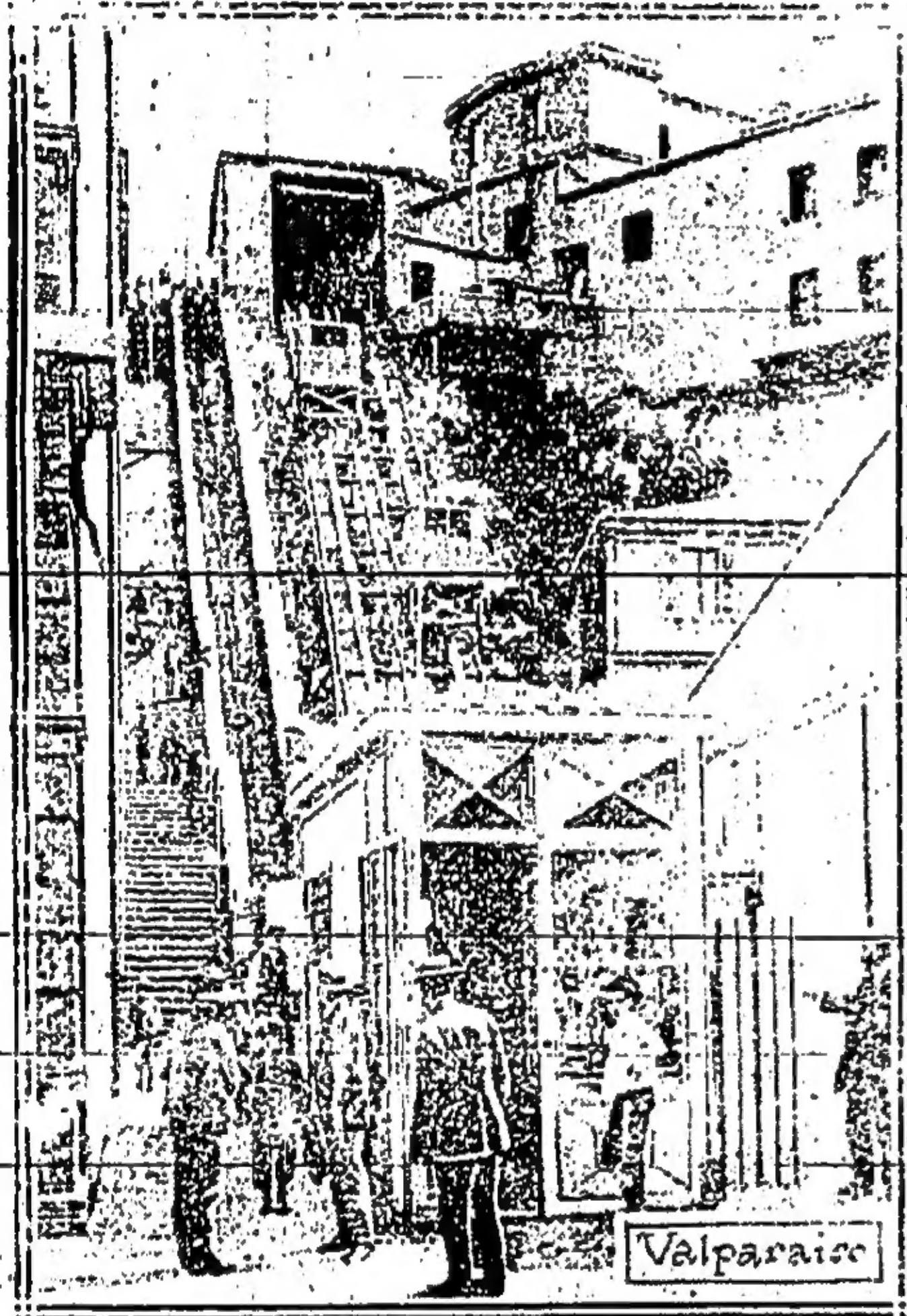
Washington (D. C.) police arresting women who picketed the British Embassy, with banners demanding the freedom of Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, who starved himself to death in prison Miss MacSwiney, prisoner of the Irish Free State, and not of the English herself is on hunger strike in Dublin, and is reported near death. Among those arrested in Washington was Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the former Mayor. All were freed by the United States Commissioner who heard the charges.



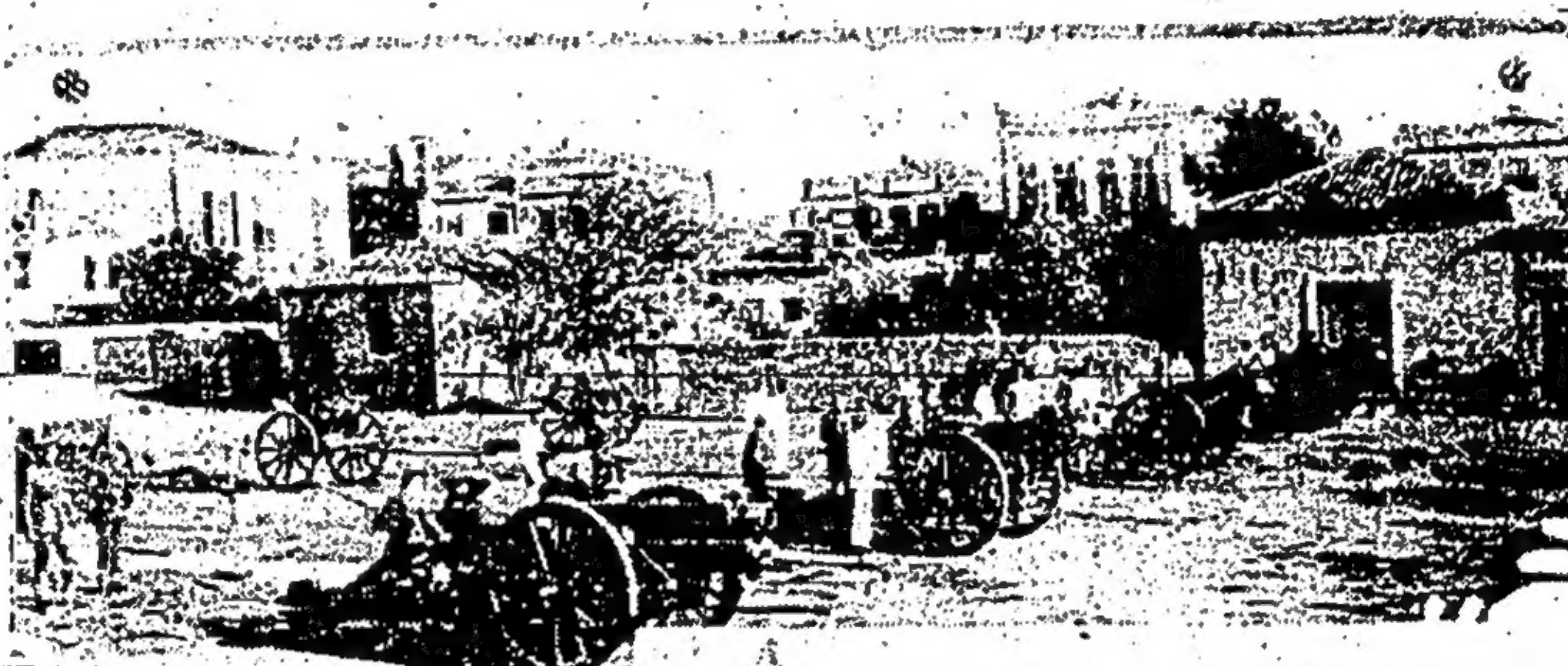
Lieutenant-Governor Alvan T. Fuller, of Massachusetts, after seeing Dorothy Gordon, Boston heiress to a \$500,000 estate, in the McLean Insane Asylum, at Waverly, where she is held at her guardian's order, has ordered an investigation of all the insane asylums of the State. Witnesses have sworn that the beautiful heiress, about whose sanity there is so much doubt, was kept every night for six months in the "camisole," which is intended to restrain dangerous lunatics.



American relief-workers in Turkey. In this photograph are Commander Halsey Powell, U. S. N., Princess Gagarine and her two children, Prince Andre and Serge, and Mrs. Althor J. Hepburn, wife of Captain Hepburn, aide to Admiral Mark Bristol, commanding the American fleet in Turkish waters.



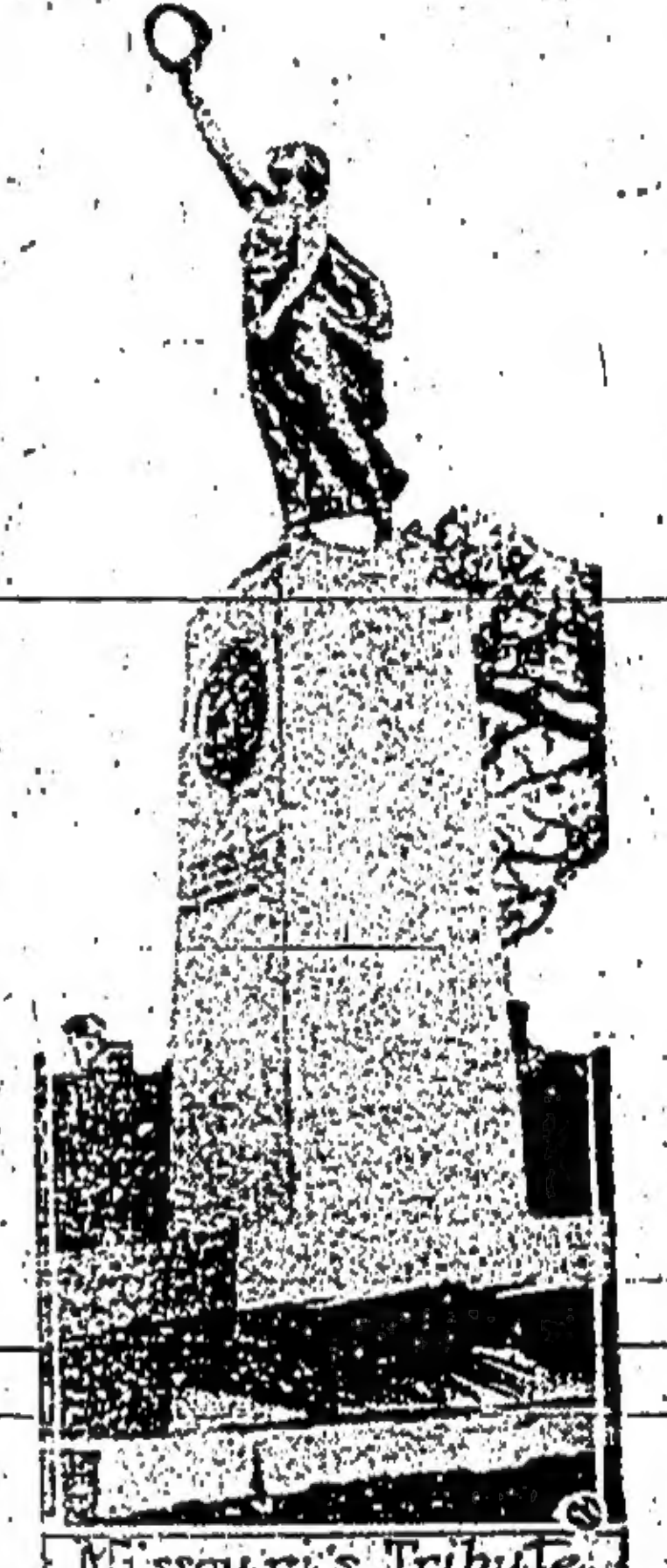
Valparaiso, Chile, which was once destroyed by an earthquake and which suffered much damage in the recent earth tremors, is noted for its pictureque streets, which climb the mountain sides within the city limits.



British troops, with heavy guns, trench mortars, machine guns and bomb throwers, heavily entrenched in Chanak, the key to the Dardanelles.



Mrs. Clara L. Strong, a sculptress, of Brockton, Mass., has been accused by her husband, Dr. Seth L. Strong, of deliberately leaving the gas-jets open for the purpose of killing him. She makes a counter-charge that he caused the death of one of their children by leaving the windows open.



Missouri is the first American State to erect a monument in France to her fallen heroes of the A. E. F. The monument was unveiled by Marshal Joffre in Chepy Par Varennes. It is the work of Mrs. Nancy Coszermans Hahn, selected by the State committee for the work.

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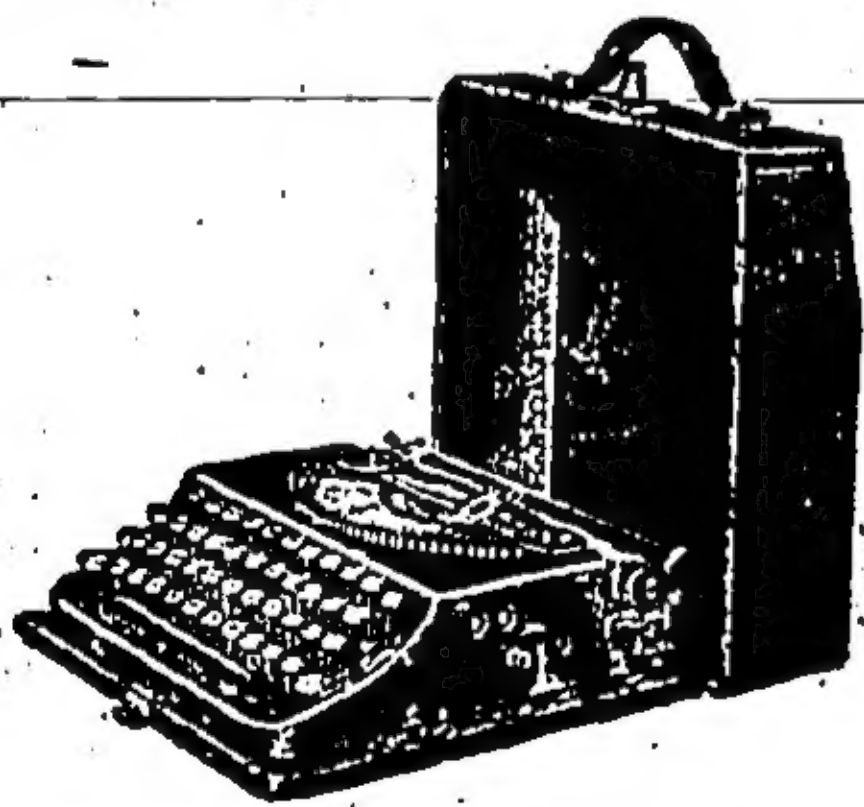
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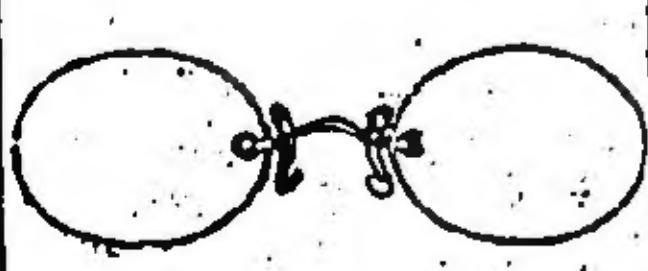
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